

# **EXHIBIT 9**

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1 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

2 FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

3 SHIRLEY A. SALA, individually  
4 and as personal representative  
5 of the Estate of ERNEST J.  
SALA, JR.; ERNEST J. SALA,  
III; and CARMEN Z. SALA,  
6 Plaintiffs,

7 Case No. RG 12622518

vs.

8 AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR, INC.,  
et al.

9 Defendant.

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11 VIDEO DEPOSITION OF  
12 BYRON H. FRANTZ  
13 March 4, 2015  
14 10:15 a.m.

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1 Q You've testified as the corporate  
2 representative for Genuine Parts several times, is  
3 that true?

4 A Yes, sir.

5 Q On how many occasions have you testified  
6 on behalf of Genuine Parts?

7 A Approximately ten.

8 Q You have also verified interrogatory  
9 responses on behalf of Genuine Parts, is that true?

10 A Yes, sir, that's accurate.

11 Q And what that means is, in a lawsuit a  
12 plaintiff like my clients get to ask questions of a  
13 corporation like Genuine Parts, and then Genuine  
14 Parts gives answers, are you familiar with that?

15 A Yes, sir.

16 Q And you're the person that verifies the  
17 answers as being true and accurate, basically, is  
18 that true?

19 A To the best of my knowledge, yes, sir.

20 Q And you do that on behalf of Genuine  
21 Parts, is that true?

22 A Yes, sir, that's accurate.

23 Q Your corporate representative testimony  
24 has touched on subjects including when Genuine Parts  
25 sold asbestos products, true?

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1 A Yes, sir.

2 Q **And what is NAPA?**

3 A NAPA is the National Automotive Parts  
4 Association. It's an association of warehouse  
5 distributors that market and brand under the NAPA  
6 name, and Genuine Parts Company is a member of NAPA.

7 Q **Today how many members of NAPA are there?**

8 A As of approximately two years ago, Genuine  
9 Parts Company is the only remaining member of NAPA.

10 Q **Can any other company in the world sell a  
11 product under the NAPA name other than Genuine  
12 Parts?**

13 A An independently owned NAPA store can sell  
14 a NAPA product if they are affiliated with the  
15 Genuine Parts Company distribution center for that  
16 geographical area.

17 Q **So if an independent store was selling a  
18 NAPA product, that NAPA product would still be a  
19 Genuine Parts product, true?**

20 MR. GRAHAM: Objection. It's overbroad as  
21 to scope and time.

22 THE WITNESS: Genuine Parts Company would  
23 sell, would distribute the products to both company  
24 owned as well as independently owned NAPA stores.  
25 The independently owned NAPA store could, therefore,

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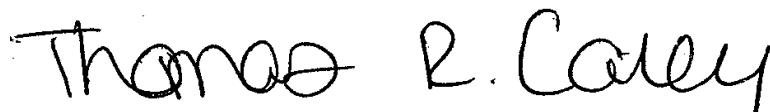
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3 COUNTY OF FULTON:

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14 action.

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